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The following troop trains were loaded at the Katherow railroad station between 15 and 18 April 1952:

In the afternoon on 15 April, a train of 12 boxcars and an unknown number of flatcars with a unit from the Kraftfahr Kaserne of about 300 troops with red-bordered black epaulets, equipped with 8 to 10 prime movers towing 45-mm AT guns, and about 50 trucks, which departed at about 7 p.m.; a train of an unknown number of cars with a unit from the Kraftfahr Kaserne of 10 prime movers with model 1938 152-mm howitzers, and 15 to 18 trucks, which left at 5 a.m. on 16 April. Loading had started at 8 p.m. on 15 April.

At 11:30 a.m. on 17 April. A train of 10 boxcars with articles of clothing and equipment, and an unknown number of flatcars. The materiel came from the Infanterie Kaserne and was hauled to the railroad station.

At 5:30 p.m. on 18 April. A train of 10 boxcars with ammunition and equipment and an unknown number of flatcars with 15 model 1938 122-mm howitzers which came from the Infanterie Kaserne. Preparations for the entraining of troops were observed at the Pionier Kaserne on the same day. *

* Comment. The report mentions four troop trains of the 6th Arty Div. The 152-mm howitzers probably belong to the 10th (?) Gun Arty Brig from the Kraftfahr Kaserne, and the 122-mm howitzers to the unidentified howitzer artillery brigade from the Infanterie Kaserne. The 65th (?) Mortar Brig probably performed the loading preparations at the Pionier Kaserne. The troop trains most probably went to Altengrabow.

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